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In regard to the proposed Microsoft settlement:

I believe that any settlement which allows Microsoft to establish itself in a new market under the guise of a "free" donation of software is misguided. Donation of Microsoft software is essentially a Trojan Horse, ultimately forcing the recipients of those donations to either pay up or force losing the utility of the software they receive.

Microsoft's real assets are its intellectual property. To force Microsoft to open the source of some or all of the code to their products, under an open source license, would allow the company to continue to conduct business, but on a level playing field.

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